

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

A telephonic interview was conducted on March 22, 2010 and attended by Examiner Hyun, Supervisory Patent Examiner Warden and Jerry L Hefner. A follow up call between Examiner Hyun and Dr. Hefner occurred on March 23, 2010.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1 and 30-38 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,083,763 (Balch); U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0067164 (VanBrunt et al.) and PCT Application Publication No. WO01/69210 (Hartwich et al.) were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Applicants proposed adding claims drawn to systems for monitoring the incorporation of monomers and/or oligomers in a polymer synthesis reaction.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants argued that no combination of the references of record renders independent claim 1 obvious. Applicants also mentioned that claims 30-38 do not recite "capable of" and asked the Examiner to clarify the basis for rejecting dependent claims 30-38.

Results of Interview

During the interview on March 22, 2010, the Examiner indicated that he would further consider Applicants remarks and additional claims.